

# Woman sued Rock Island over husband's death

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*Sherman County Historical Society*  
**April 5, 1905:** Gertrude Butler, whose husband was accidentally killed while doing duty as hostler in the Goodland yards about a year ago, brought a damage suit against the Rock Island. It was called for trial and was then taken from the Sherman County district court to the United States court, Kansas district.

**April 6, 1905:** CITIZENS' TICKET A WINNER — Elect Every Nominee, Except One Councilman, And That A Tie — Heavy Vote Cast In Spite of Cold and Stormy

## today in history

Weather — Fight for City Treasurer Was Vigorous One From Start to Finish — The heavy registration was the calm before the storm — the cloud no bigger than a man's hand — with on election day enveloped Goodland in one of the breeziest elections in her history.

Monday evening was fair enough for weather, but the morning of April 4 brought squalls of heavy flakes of snow that looked as big as ballots to the candidates.

But wind and weather never stops work at the political mill. By unofficial count, the Citizens' ticket was elected throughout, with the exception of councilman from the First ward.

Wallace Filer made the race on the Citizens' ticket against W.L. Van Winkle, who sprinted down the Independent ticket, (and) both finishing with just 35 votes apiece.

George Kelly, Citizens', was elected as mayor with 229 votes

over 129 votes for Independent candidate, Henry Rung. The greatest number of votes cast for any two opposing candidates was for city treasurer, the total being 370.

It was really the storm center of Tuesday's contest, and the office hangs in the balance in the judgment of political prognosticators until the counted ballots actually told the tale. A.D. Stewart, Citizens', received 207 and T.P. Leonard, Independent, received 163.

This vote for the head of the city officials did not, however, reveal the comparative strength of the saloon and temperance elements in

Goodland. The independent supporters slammed the Citizens' ticket as the "whiskey ticket," and the Citizens' came back with the declaration, "we're as good as you."

It wasn't the case of the pot calling the kettle black because both tickets were made up of good men and women. It was rather a spirited but friendly contest for "spheres of influence," and the people of Goodland look forward to and demand a wholesome city administration by the men whom they have honored and placed in power.

**April 7, 1905:** Notwithstanding the criticisms which we hear now

and then on the careless farming methods of western Kansas, the state produces magnificent wheat crops.

The largest crop yet produced was harvested in 1901. Last season was nearly a failure for the eastern part of the state due to too much moisture. By the law of averages, Kansas ought to make it good in 1905.

*From weekly issues of The Goodland News, provided by the Sherman County Historical Society. Since the paper was published weekly, some items were arbitrarily assigned a date.*

# 'Old West' costume party to raise money for historical society

## Historic home to get new paint, windows

The Sherman County Historical Society has picked out a new look for the Ennis-Handy House, 13th and Center, and is planning a costume party with an "Old West" theme to raise some of the money to pay for it.

A Ladies 1800s Western Feed will be at noon Saturday, April 23, at the house. Women are encouraged to wear cowgirl, saloon or prairie costumes and will be served a fried-chicken dinner with baked beans, potato salad, corn bread, apple pie and ice cream. There will be coffee, root beer and water to drink.

Ernie Ketzner of Bird City will entertain with western poetry and humor, and Danny Mangus of Kanorado will play western music on the guitar.

There are only 30 tickets for sale. Call Carol Baum at 890-7364 for tickets or to donate to the society.

The society's board voted to proceed with restoring and painting the exterior of the house in Victorian colors, Baum said, and has awarded

the project to Brian Freeman, a restoration specialist who has worked with the Colorado State Historical Society.

Freeman, who lives with his wife Vicki across the street, won the 2004 Historic Denver Restoration Living Award. His work can be seen on historic homes in the Denver area.

The society has chosen colors for the home's new look, Baum said. Most of the house will be painted O'Keefe white, a very light tan or beige; the porch foundation and some trim will be dark green, while accent trimming and trim around the windows in Taos taupe, a gray/green shade, and the gables, fish scale and accents on the railing will be country redwood.

There will also be white on the railings and gingerbread trim, Baum said, and the porch floors and ceilings will be left as they are, mint green.

The paint on three-fourths of the home, garage and chicken coop has extreme cracking known as

"alligatoring" to the point that the only way to achieve a proper paint job will be to completely strip off the old paint.

Removal and replacement of some siding will be necessary, with missing and severely damaged trim pieces being replaced.

New attic windows will be installed, and existing metal storm windows will be removed and 36 painted-wood, divided-lite storm windows installed. A polymer paint additive will be used to extend the life of the paint as far as 20 years.

The society anticipates spending \$19,500 on painting the house and \$6,600 on the storm windows. There is already \$7,000 raised for the project.

Donations of all sizes are welcome; those of \$250 or more will be recognized on the Ennis-Handy House Plaque.

The repainting is scheduled to start May 1, and the society hopes to have donations in hand by Saturday, April 16.



The Sherman County Historical Society is raising money to give the Ennis-Handy House at 13th and Center a new look, with dark green paint on the porch foundation and some trim, redwood on the fish scales, the gables and accents on the trim and the main part of the house being a light beige.

# One stubborn plastic Easter egg from last year finally found; candy tasted fine

I hope everyone had a joyous Easter and found all the eggs that were hidden. A long time ago, I switched to hiding plastic eggs filled with surprises, just in case they weren't found.

And to prove that they can hide for a long time, I noticed that there were two black eggs in the collection of eggs found. I had only hid one black egg. A little later, a lady was eating something, and when I asked her what she was eating, she said the candy out of her egg.

Well, there wasn't any candy in the eggs that I hid this year because I forgot to put it in with the coins. Therefore, the mystery of last year's missing egg was solved. But then,



sally michael

• brewster beacon

that meant that there was still one egg that wasn't found this year.

If you all remember, about every year, this happens at the senior center. There is always that one elusive egg, just like the black one that had candy in it. However, this year, they are now all present and accounted for, as Cliff Fox discovered the last holdout this morning. Now, you can

"Sally" and assumed there was another Sally in the store and turned around to see what she might look like.

Instead, there was this very nice looking young fellow heading my way with a big grin on his face. I was awfully glad to see Tod Hileman and his brother Bob Peterson.

I mentioned how it was nice to

all sleep well tonight.

While in Hays for Easter, I was walking down an aisle in Wal-mart. I heard a young man holler

read about him in the state patrol reports, and he said he probably wouldn't be mentioned much anymore, as he was moving to southeastern Kansas; he will be in the same position there.

These two brothers are very close, and I think the fact that Bob lives in Missouri might have something to do with Tod deciding to move to that area. It's sure great to see how well they are doing.

We have a lot of folks to pray for now. Louise Palmgren is in the hospital, and we wish her the best. The latest word is that my neighbor, Brad Roulier, might be able to return to this area sometime this week, and that is really great news.

Rex Mayer has been having some problems that require some further checking, and Larry Dunlap is in Denver getting things straightened out. I've heard of a lot of people who have had at least two bouts with the flu, and one is more than enough.

My grandson Nathaniel had a touch of pneumonia last week, and he is still coughing a lot. Little Andrew in Salina and his mom, Kim, couldn't join the rest of us in Hays for Easter because he has had an upset stomach for nearly a week. So, remember these folks when you say your daily prayers.

I visited with my sister Harriet and Thurl on Monday, and they both look very good. I also saw Denise

and Zachary, and they are doing great. I toured Harriet's apartment; I could adapt to that, I believe.

Lesa (Luckert) and Tim Hays will soon be moving to Dubois, Wyo., where they will both be employees of the local telephone company. I am sure Don and Becky Luckert will be making some trips up there, and I know George and Roberta Luckert will be missing having Lesa as a lunch guest. But everyone wishes this couple the very best on their move.

That's about it for this week. I hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather, and I hope it stays nice and also a little wet for us now. See you all next time.

## Business owners may qualify for loans

Businesses in some Kansas and Colorado counties may qualify for low-interest disaster loans from the Small Business Administration.

The administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses that depend on farmers and ranchers who sustained crop losses due to freezing conditions between

April 7 and May 15 of 2004 and drought after Jan. 1, 2004.

Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these loans, but nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply. The application deadline is Wednesday, April 20.

Businesses in Sherman, Cheyenne, Wallace, Rawlins, Thomas, Norton, Logan, Decatur, Greeley, Hamilton, Morton, Sheridan and

Wichita counties in Kansas and Kit Carson County, Colo., are eligible to apply.

Call the administration at 800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

These loans are to assist businesses in offsetting losses they suffered as a result of the severe weather reducing the crop income of areas farmers and ranchers.

## Farmers have two weeks to apply for loans

The expiration date for filing applications for Emergency Disaster loans by farmers and ranchers in Sherman, Cheyenne and Wallace counties is Wednesday, April 20.

Those needing farm credit as a result of physical and production losses, said Patricia Eckhardt, farm loan manager for the Farm Service Agency, should make their applications at the county office at 210 W. 10th in Goodland before the 20th.

Loans covering physical and pro-

duction losses may be made at 3.75 percent interest, she said, and are scheduled for repayment as quickly as possible. Loans covering physical losses may be used to replace installations, equipment, livestock or buildings, including homes, lost through disaster.

Loans covering production losses may be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock or to make payments on real estate and chattel debts. The loans can also be used for

essential operating and living expenses, Eckhardt said.

To be eligible for an emergency disaster loan, an applicant must be operating a family-size farm or ranch and be unable to get credit elsewhere. Farmers who suffered at least a 30 percent reduction to at least one cropping enterprise may have a qualifying production loss.

Loans cover up to 80 percent of qualifying losses or \$500,000, whichever is less.

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